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*A1* 1. (Amended) A water-decomposable fibrous sheet comprising: water-dispersible fibers having a fiber length of at most 20 mm, and a gel compound formed from colloidal particulates and an electrolyte, wherein

the colloidal particulates are colloidal silica, and a content of the colloidal silica is from 0.25 g to 25 g in terms of silicic acid anhydride, relative to 100 g of the fibers.

*A2* 5. (Amended) The water-decomposable fibrous sheet as set forth in claim 1, which contains an aqueous solution infiltrated therein and the aqueous solution contains at least 0.2 % by mass of the electrolyte.